

# **State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Public Safety Alaska State Troopers Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

## Alaska State Troopers Results Delivery Unit

### Contribution to Department's Mission

Preserve public peace; protect life, property, and wildlife resources.

### Core Services

- Criminal and traffic enforcement patrols and investigations.
- Search and Rescue (SAR).
- Prisoner transport.
- Support rural law enforcement entities.
- Public education in safety and injury prevention.
- Wildlife enforcement patrols and investigations.

End Result	Strategies to Achieve End Result
<p><b>A: Protect lives.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 10% reduction of deaths due to criminal acts compared to the previous 3-year average  <u>Status #1:</u> Homicide rate in AST's jurisdiction increased 6% in FY2008 compared to the previous 3-year average</p> <p><u>Target #2:</u> 10% reduction of deaths as a result of motor vehicle accidents (MVA) compared to the previous 3-year average  <u>Status #2:</u> Data source change for CY2007 -- 46 MVA fatalities in area of AST jurisdiction. Data will not be comparable to previous average until CY2010</p> <p><u>Target #3:</u> 10% reduction in recreational boating accidents with deaths  <u>Status #3:</u> 55% increase in recreational boating accidents with deaths, going from 11 fatalities in CY2006 to 17 fatalities in CY2007</p>	<p><b>A1: Create deterrence through 100% homicide solve rate.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 100% homicide solve rate  <u>Status #1:</u> Homicide solve rate in AST's jurisdiction in FY2008 was 85%</p> <p><b>A2: Reduce the incidence of victimization of women and children by sexual offenders.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 70% of sexual assault / sexual abuse cases referred annually are accepted for prosecution  <u>Status #1:</u> Not available</p> <p><b>A3: Enhanced driving under the influence (DUI) detection and apprehension.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 10% reduction of DUI fatalities compared to previous 3-year average  <u>Status #1:</u> Data source change for CY2007 -- 6 DUI fatalities in area of AST jurisdiction. Data will not be comparable to previous average until CY2010</p> <p><b>A4: Improve alcohol and drug investigations and interdictions.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 70% of misdemeanor and felony alcohol crimes referred annually are accepted for prosecution  <u>Status #1:</u> Not available</p> <p><u>Target #2:</u> 70% of felony illicit drug cases referred annually are accepted for prosecution  <u>Status #2:</u> Not available</p> <p><b>A5: Enhance recreational boating safety patrols.</b></p>

	<p><u>Target #1:</u> 10% increase in boating safety contacts over the previous 2-year average</p> <p><u>Status #1:</u> 25% decrease over the previous 2-year average in boating safety contacts in FY2008</p> <p><u>Target #2:</u> 10% change in hours spent conducting public education appearances over the previous 2-year average</p> <p><u>Status #2:</u> 22% decrease over the previous 2-year average in boating safety education hours in FY2008</p>
End Result	Strategies to Achieve End Result
<p><b>B: Protect property.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 3% reduction in burglaries reported in AST's jurisdiction</p> <p><u>Status #1:</u> 1% increase in burglaries reported in AST's jurisdiction, going from 1,325 burglaries in CY2005 to 1,338 burglaries in CY2006</p>	<p><b>B1: Improve property crimes investigations.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 70% of property crimes referred annually are accepted for prosecution</p> <p><u>Status #1:</u> Not available</p>
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<p><b>C: Preserve public peace.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Public compliance with laws as indicated by a 5% reduction in reported crime index offenses compared to the previous 3-year average for AST's jurisdiction</p> <p><u>Status #1:</u> Public compliance with laws as measured by the reported crime index offenses in AST's jurisdiction remained steady in CY2006</p>	<p><b>C1: Community oriented policing and law enforcement patrols.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Increase by 5% over previous year the number of crime index offenses closed by arrest in relation to the number reported</p> <p><u>Status #1:</u> Not available</p>
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<p><b>D: Protect wildlife resources.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 5% reduction in wildlife violations as a percentage of total contacts</p> <p><u>Status #1:</u> The number of wildlife violations as a percentage of total contacts decreased by 2.6% in FY2008</p>	<p><b>D1: Enhance proactive wildlife patrols and investigations through increased field presence.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 5% increase in number of resource users checked in field over the previous 2-year average</p> <p><u>Status #1:</u> Number of resource user contacts increased by 6% in FY2008 compared to previous 2-year average</p>

### Major Activities to Advance Strategies

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic deployment of personnel in ABI.</li> <li>• Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) training.</li> <li>• Domestic violence and Driving Under the Influence (DUI) training for ABWE.</li> <li>• Traffic enforcement.</li> <li>• DUI enforcement team and dedicated DUI patrols.</li> <li>• Report writing and investigation in-service.</li> <li>• Coordination with outside domestic violence-related agencies and support groups.</li> <li>• Domestic violence supervisory case review with district attorney coordination.</li> <li>• Provide search and rescue management training.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide boater safety training to VPSOs and Alaska State Troopers.</li> <li>• Increase inspections.</li> <li>• Strategic location of personnel.</li> <li>• Property investigation training.</li> <li>• Enhanced communications between jurisdictions.</li> <li>• Burglary suppression unit.</li> <li>• Patrol high crime areas.</li> <li>• Intelligence Unit linking.</li> <li>• E-pawn records.</li> <li>• Directed patrols.</li> <li>• Community Oriented Policing (COP) training.</li> </ul> |
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### Major Activities to Advance Strategies

- Avalanche awareness programs.
- Hunter safety education.
- Boating safety education.
- Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) program.
- Crime Stoppers.
- D.A.R.E. programs.
- Strategic location of ABADE investigators.
- Alcoholic Beverage Control training.
- Alcohol Rewards Program.
- Coordination of ABC investigations.
- Quality village visits.
- Public appearances.
- Aircraft patrols.
- Vessel patrols.
- Targeted patrols.
- Wildlife enforcement training.
- Covert hunting investigations.

### FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

**FY2010 Results Delivery Unit Budget: \$108,322,300**

**Personnel:**

Full time 634

Part time 16

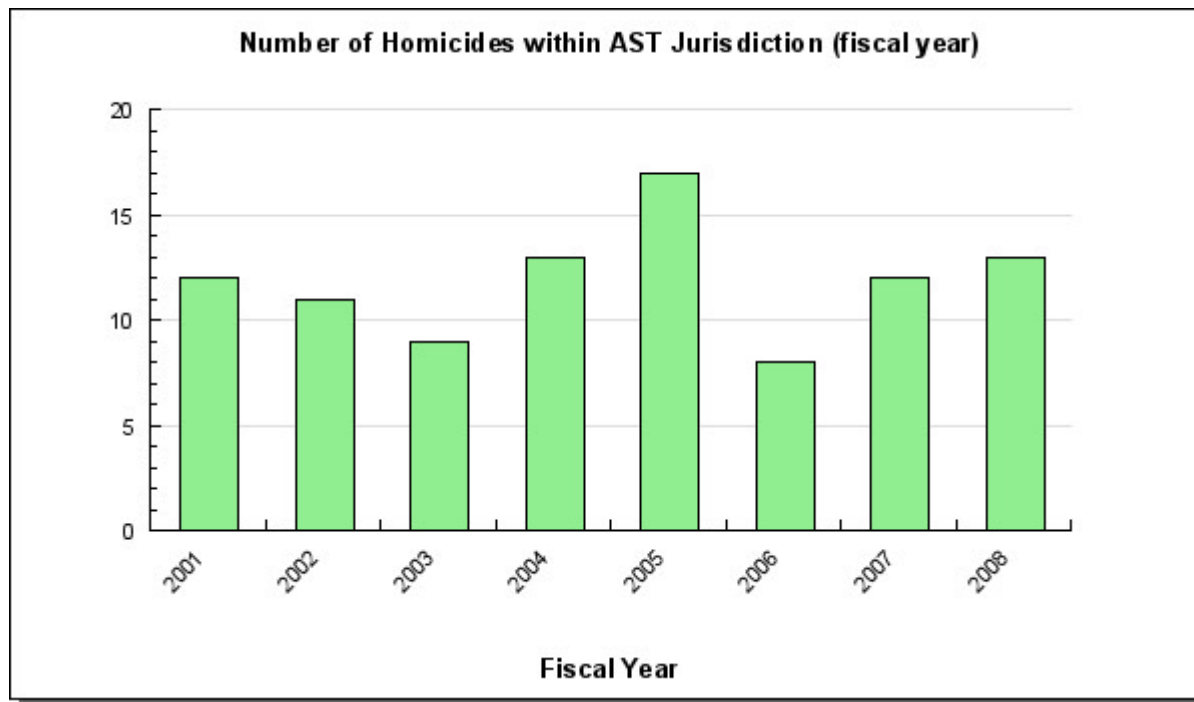
**Total** 650

## Performance

### A: Result - Protect lives.

**Target #1:** 10% reduction of deaths due to criminal acts compared to the previous 3-year average

**Status #1:** Homicide rate in AST's jurisdiction increased 6% in FY2008 compared to the previous 3-year average



Methodology: Source: Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Bureau of Investigation (ABI)

**Number of Homicides within AST Jurisdiction (fiscal year)**

Fiscal Year	YTD Total	Prev 3-Yr Avg Homicides	Percent Inc/Dec
FY 2008	13	12.3	+6%
FY 2007	12	12.7	-6%
FY 2006	8	13	-38%
FY 2005	17	11	+55%
FY 2004	13	10.7	+21%
FY 2003	9		
FY 2002	11		
FY 2001	12		

**Analysis of results and challenges:** To the extent that it can, the department will influence the homicide rate by deterrence, solving homicides committed in the department's jurisdiction, and by focusing on contributing factors, such as reducing the availability of illegal drugs and alcohol. The reported homicide rate data is for the area of Alaska where the department has primary jurisdiction, which is any area not within the jurisdiction of a municipal police department.

**Target #2:** 10% reduction of deaths as a result of motor vehicle accidents (MVA) compared to the previous 3-year average

**Status #2:** Data source change for CY2007 -- 46 MVA fatalities in area of AST jurisdiction. Data will not be comparable to previous average until CY2010

**Number of Fatalities from Motor Vehicle Accidents (calendar year)**

Year	MVA Yearly Fatalities	Prev 3-Yr Avg Fatalities	Percent Inc/Dec
2007	46	*	*
2006	74	91	-19%
2005	73	97	-25%
2004	101	93	+9%
2003	100		
2002	89		
2001	89		

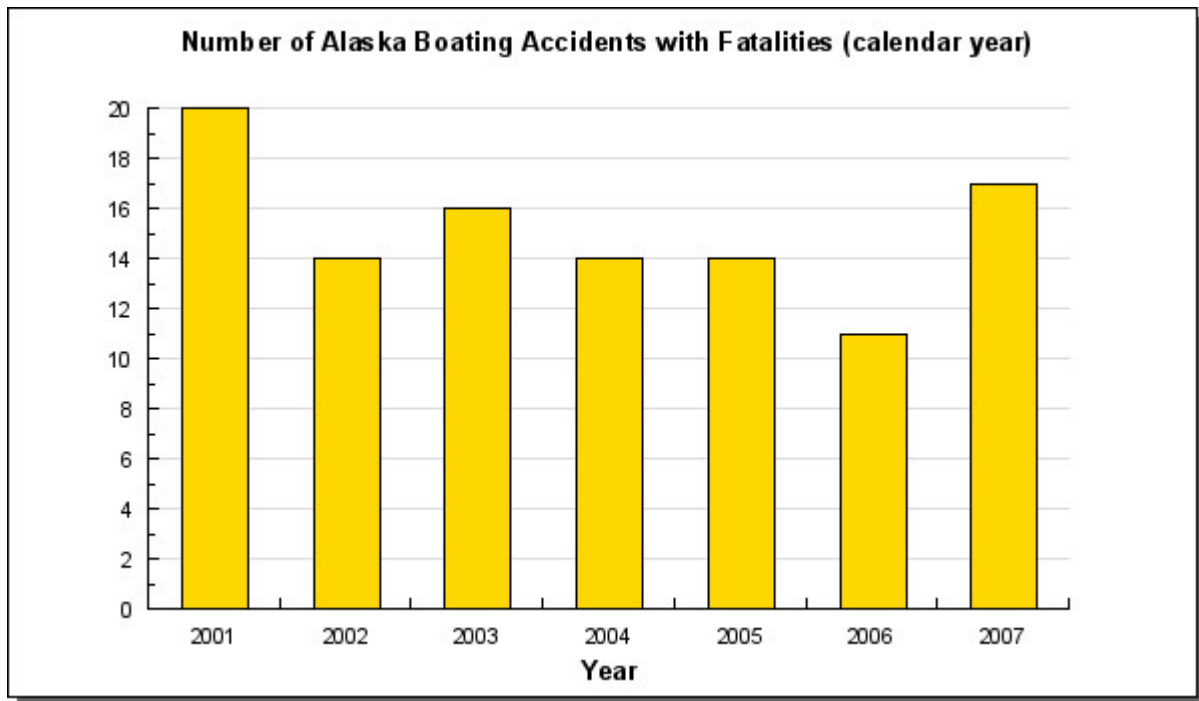
*Methodology: \* Data source changed in CY2007; data now reported for area of AST jurisdiction only. Source: Alaska State Troopers*

**Analysis of results and challenges:** This target reflects one measure of the overall safety of vehicular traffic. Besides enforcement of traffic regulations and laws, the department is actively involved in media campaigns to raise public awareness of highway safety issues. The DUI teams in Palmer and Fairbanks are effective at removing impaired drivers from the road. Most of the other variables affecting the motor vehicle accident rate, such as road design, weather conditions, vehicle age and mechanical condition, etc., are not within the department's control.

Beginning in CY2007, this table shows motor vehicle accidents within the Alaska State Troopers' (AST) patrol area. Statewide data from the Alaska Highway Safety Office (DOT/PF) were reported in prior years.

**Target #3:** 10% reduction in recreational boating accidents with deaths

**Status #3:** 55% increase in recreational boating accidents with deaths, going from 11 fatalities in CY2006 to 17 fatalities in CY2007

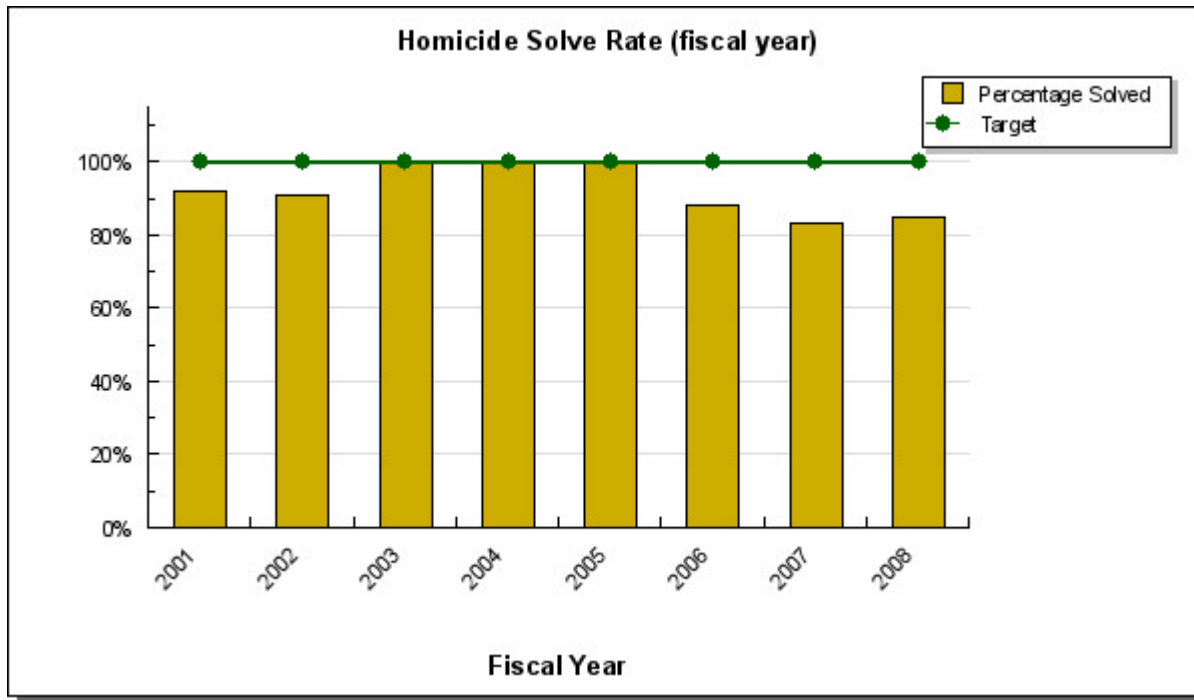


Methodology: Source: U.S. Coast Guard

**Number of Alaska Boating Accidents with Fatalities (calendar year)**

Year	YTD Total	Percent Inc/Dec
2007	17	+55%
2006	11	-21%
2005	14	0%
2004	14	-13%
2003	16	+14%
2002	14	-30%
2001	20	

**Analysis of results and challenges:** The increase in fatal boating accidents may in part be attributed to the high number of multiple death accidents. Ten of the lives lost were aboard four boats that capsized. Six of the deaths were a result of capsizing canoes. All fatalities were adults, and seven were alcohol-related. Wildlife troopers are working to increase education and checking for compliance with law and regulation, including personal flotation device possession and use. Troopers investigate recreational boating accidents, injuries, and fatalities in state waters.

**A1: Strategy - Create deterrence through 100% homicide solve rate.****Target #1:** 100% homicide solve rate**Status #1:** Homicide solve rate in AST's jurisdiction in FY2008 was 85%

Methodology: Source: Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Bureau of Investigation (ABI)

**Homicide Solve Rate (fiscal year)**

Fiscal Year	Number of Homicides	Homicides Solved	Percentage Solved
FY 2008	13	11	85%
FY 2007	12	10	83%
FY 2006	8	7	88%
FY 2005	17	17	100%
FY 2004	13	13	100%
FY 2003	9	9	100%
FY 2002	11	10	91%
FY 2001	12	11	92%

**Analysis of results and challenges:** Numbers represent homicides in AST jurisdiction; unsolved homicide investigations are on-going.**A2: Strategy - Reduce the incidence of victimization of women and children by sexual offenders.****Target #1:** 70% of sexual assault / sexual abuse cases referred annually are accepted for prosecution**Status #1:** Not available**Analysis of results and challenges:** This is a new measure, implemented during FY2009. Alaska has a high incidence of sexual assault and sexual abuse. This measure addresses AST's role in and commitment to reducing the victimization of women and children by sexual offenders. This will provide AST the measuring point to evaluate the quality of its investigations and report writing to facilitate the acceptance of cases for prosecution.

**A3: Strategy - Enhanced driving under the influence (DUI) detection and apprehension.**

**Target #1:** 10% reduction of DUI fatalities compared to previous 3-year average

**Status #1:** Data source change for CY2007 -- 6 DUI fatalities in area of AST jurisdiction. Data will not be comparable to previous average until CY2010

**Motor Vehicle Accidents with Fatalities involving Impaired Drivers (calendar year)**

Year	MVA Yearly Fatalities	Prev 3-Yr Avg Fatalities	Percent Inc/Dec
2007	6	*	*
2006	18	29	-38%
2005	21	34	-38%
2004	34	38	-11%
2003	33	46	-28%
2002	35		
2001	47		
2000	56		

Methodology: \* Data source changed in CY2007; data now reported for area of AST jurisdiction only. Source: Alaska State Troopers

**Analysis of results and challenges:** The department receives Alaska Highway Safety Office funding to support DUI enforcement teams in the Fairbanks and Palmer areas. DUI team enforcement at special events like the Palmer State Fair, Girdwood Forest Fair, and Arctic Man snow machine races has been highly effective at removing impaired drivers from the road. However, the number and severity of accidents involve many other factors outside the control or influence of police agencies.

Beginning in CY2007, this table shows motor vehicle accidents within the Alaska State Troopers' patrol area. Statewide data from the Alaska Highway Safety Office (DOT/PF) were reported in prior years.

**A4: Strategy - Improve alcohol and drug investigations and interdictions.**

**Target #1:** 70% of misdemeanor and felony alcohol crimes referred annually are accepted for prosecution

**Status #1:** Not available

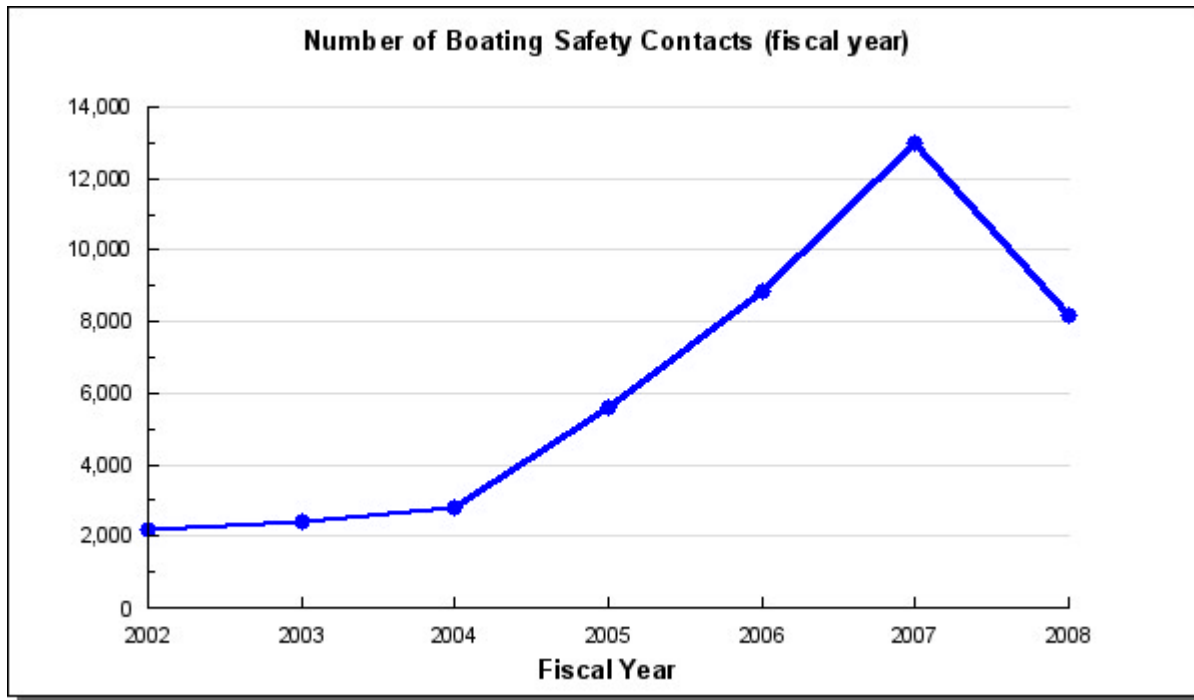
**Analysis of results and challenges:** This is a new measure, implemented in FY2009. Troopers continue to take the lead role in the coordinated effort to investigate and enforce laws concerning alcohol crimes. Interdiction efforts to stem the flow of alcohol to western Alaska have met with continued success. In FY2007, the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement (ABADE) coordinated with nearly every law enforcement agency in the state to pursue enforcement of illegal alcohol laws. This will provide AST the measuring point to evaluate the quality of its investigations and report writing to facilitate the acceptance of cases for prosecution.

**Target #2:** 70% of felony illicit drug cases referred annually are accepted for prosecution

**Status #2:** Not available

**Analysis of results and challenges:** This is a new measure, implemented in FY2009. Troopers continue to take the lead role in the coordinated effort to investigate and enforce laws concerning drug crimes. In FY2007, the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement (ABADE) coordinated with nearly every law enforcement agency in the state to pursue enforcement of illegal drug laws. This will provide AST the measuring point to evaluate the quality of its investigations and report writing to facilitate the acceptance of cases for prosecution.



**A5: Strategy - Enhance recreational boating safety patrols.****Target #1:** 10% increase in boating safety contacts over the previous 2-year average**Status #1:** 25% decrease over the previous 2-year average in boating safety contacts in FY2008

Methodology: Source: DPS Officer Activity Reporting System (OARS)

**Number of Boating Safety Contacts (fiscal year)**

Fiscal Year	Number of Contacts	Prev 2-Yr Avg	Percent Inc/Dec
FY 2008	8,195	10,919	-25%
FY 2007	12,983	7,219	+80%
FY 2006	8,854	4,195	+111%
FY 2005	5,583	2,605	+114%
FY 2004	2,806	2,288	+23%
FY 2003	2,403		
FY 2002	2,173		

**Analysis of results and challenges:** The Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) measure the number of boating contacts reported when Alaska boating law safety and compliance inspections are conducted by AWT personnel. Alaska Wildlife Troopers take the opportunity in the course of other business to make one-on-one contact with recreational boaters regarding boating safety and compliance. The decrease in contacts may be due in part to AWT canceling all marine patrols during May and June 2008 except emergencies, as a result of budget shortfalls near the end of the fiscal year.

**Target #2:** 10% change in hours spent conducting public education appearances over the previous 2-year average**Status #2:** 22% decrease over the previous 2-year average in boating safety education hours in FY2008

**% Change in Number of Hours Spent on Boating Safety Education Over the Previous 2-Year Average (fiscal year)**

Fiscal Year	Education Hours Spent	Prev 2-Yr Avg	Percent Inc/Dec
FY 2008	44	56.25	-22%
FY 2007	68.5	14.75	+364%
FY 2006	17	41.25	-59%
FY 2005	12.5	47.75	-74%
FY 2004	70	32	+119%
FY 2003	25.5		
FY 2002	38.5		

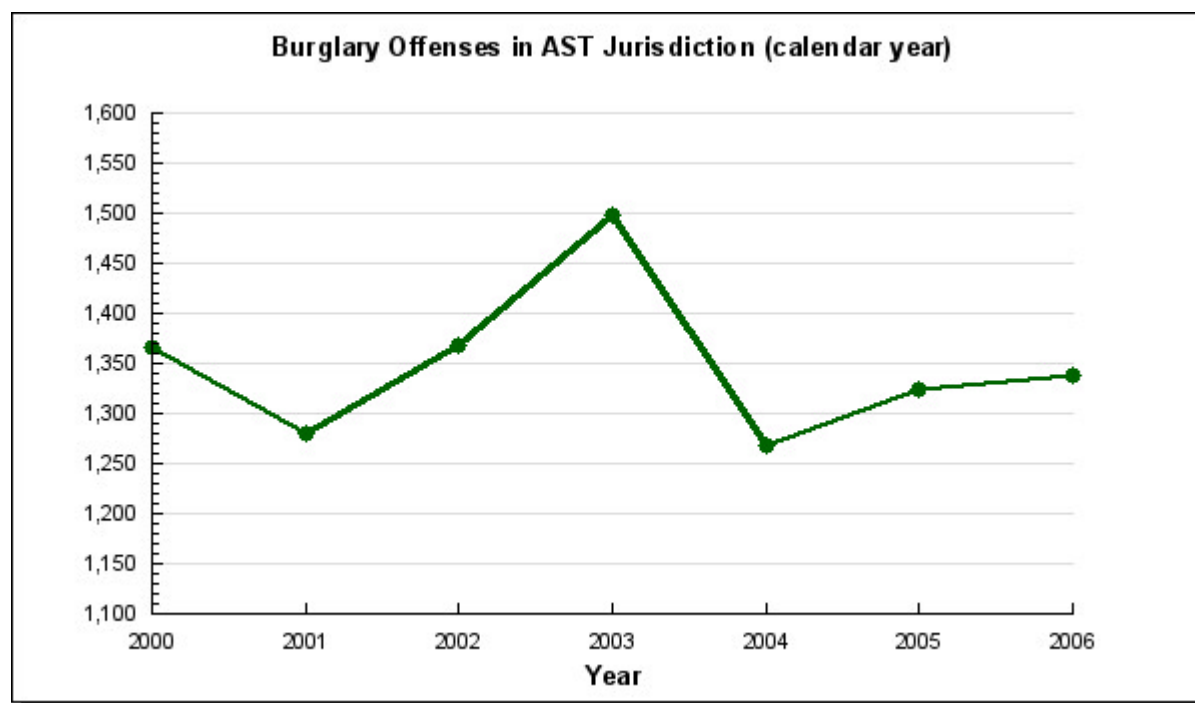
Methodology: Source: DPS Officer Activity Reporting System (OARS)

**Analysis of results and challenges:** The hours Alaska Wildlife Troopers spent on boating safety training decreased slightly following a large increase the previous year. The decrease may be attributed in part to the high number of vacancies and the number of wildlife troopers that were in field training with the Division of Alaska State Troopers. Wildlife troopers continue to place emphasis on this training and expect to be on track for increased educational hours in FY2009.

**B: Result - Protect property.**

**Target #1:** 3% reduction in burglaries reported in AST's jurisdiction

**Status #1:** 1% increase in burglaries reported in AST's jurisdiction, going from 1,325 burglaries in CY2005 to 1,338 burglaries in CY2006



Methodology: Data will be updated when CY2007 Uniform Crime Report is available. Source: Alaska UCR Data

**Burglary Offenses in AST Jurisdiction (calendar year)**

Year	YTD Total	Percent Inc/Dec
2006	1,338	+1%
2005	1,325	+5%
2004	1,268	-15%
2003	1,498	+9%
2002	1,369	+7%
2001	1,280	-6%
2000	1,366	

**Analysis of results and challenges:** The Alaska State Troopers report the number of burglaries within their primary jurisdiction. Burglary is defined as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. Use of force to gain entry is not required to classify an offense as burglary; attempted burglaries are also included.

**B1: Strategy - Improve property crimes investigations.**

**Target #1:** 70% of property crimes referred annually are accepted for prosecution

**Status #1:** Not available

**Analysis of results and challenges:** This is a new measure, implemented in FY2009. This will provide AST the measuring point to evaluate the quality of its investigations and report writing to facilitate the acceptance of cases for prosecution.

**C: Result - Preserve public peace.**

**Target #1:** Public compliance with laws as indicated by a 5% reduction in reported crime index offenses compared to the previous 3-year average for AST's jurisdiction

**Status #1:** Public compliance with laws as measured by the reported crime index offenses in AST's jurisdiction remained steady in CY2006

**% Change in Crime Index Offenses Known to Law Enforcement in AST Jurisdiction (calendar year)**

Year	Number of Offenses Known	Prev 3-Yr Avg	Percent Inc/Dec
2006	5,674	5,687	0%
2005	5,903	5,509	+7%
2004	5,359	5,399	-1%
2003	5,798	5,187	+12%
2002	5,371		
2001	5,029		
2000	5,161		

*Methodology: Data will be updated when CY2007 Uniform Crime Report is available. Source: Alaska UCR Data*

**Analysis of results and challenges:** Offenses being compared are actual offenses against persons (murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and crimes against property (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson) reported in AST jurisdiction. The FBI refers to these eight crimes as "Crime Index Offenses".

**C1: Strategy - Community oriented policing and law enforcement patrols.**

**Target #1:** Increase by 5% over previous year the number of crime index offenses closed by arrest in relation to the number reported

**Status #1:** Not available

**Analysis of results and challenges:** This is a new measure, implemented in FY2009. Offenses being compared are actual offenses against persons (murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and crimes against property (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson) reported in AST jurisdiction. The FBI refers to these

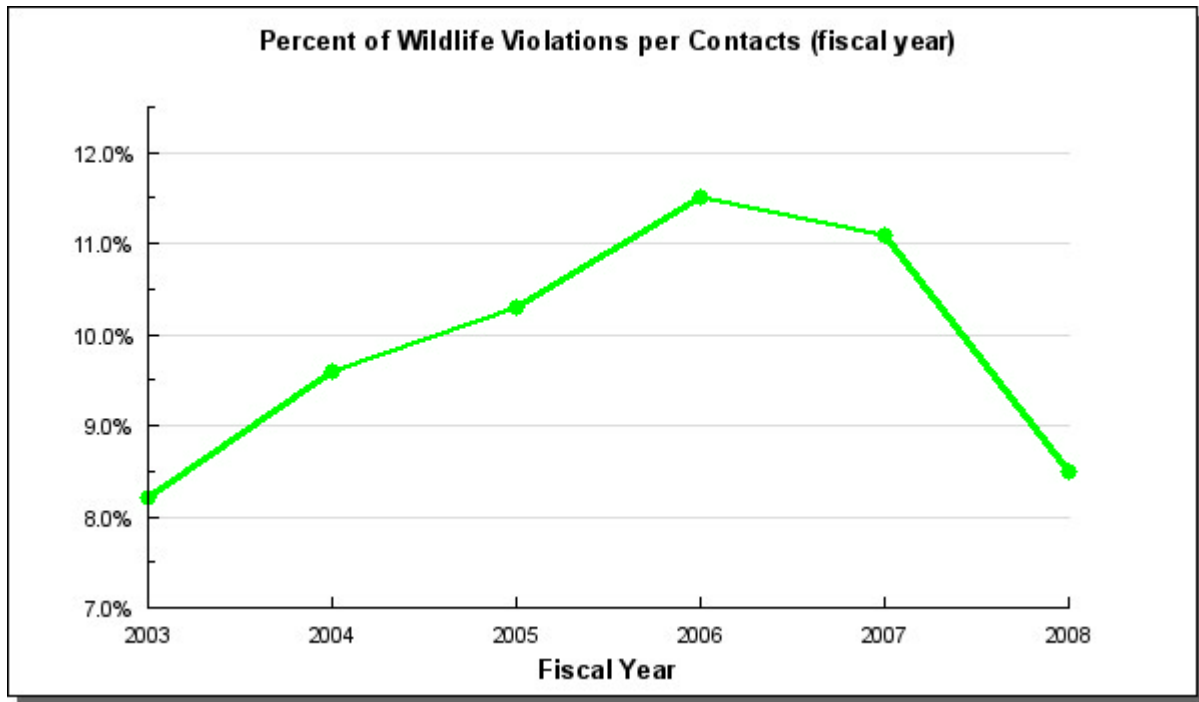
eight crimes as "Crime Index Offenses".

This measure will reflect the consistency of the quality of work AST is doing across the board.

#### D: Result - Protect wildlife resources.

**Target #1:** 5% reduction in wildlife violations as a percentage of total contacts

**Status #1:** The number of wildlife violations as a percentage of total contacts decreased by 2.6% in FY2008



**Percent of Wildlife Violations per Contacts (fiscal year)**

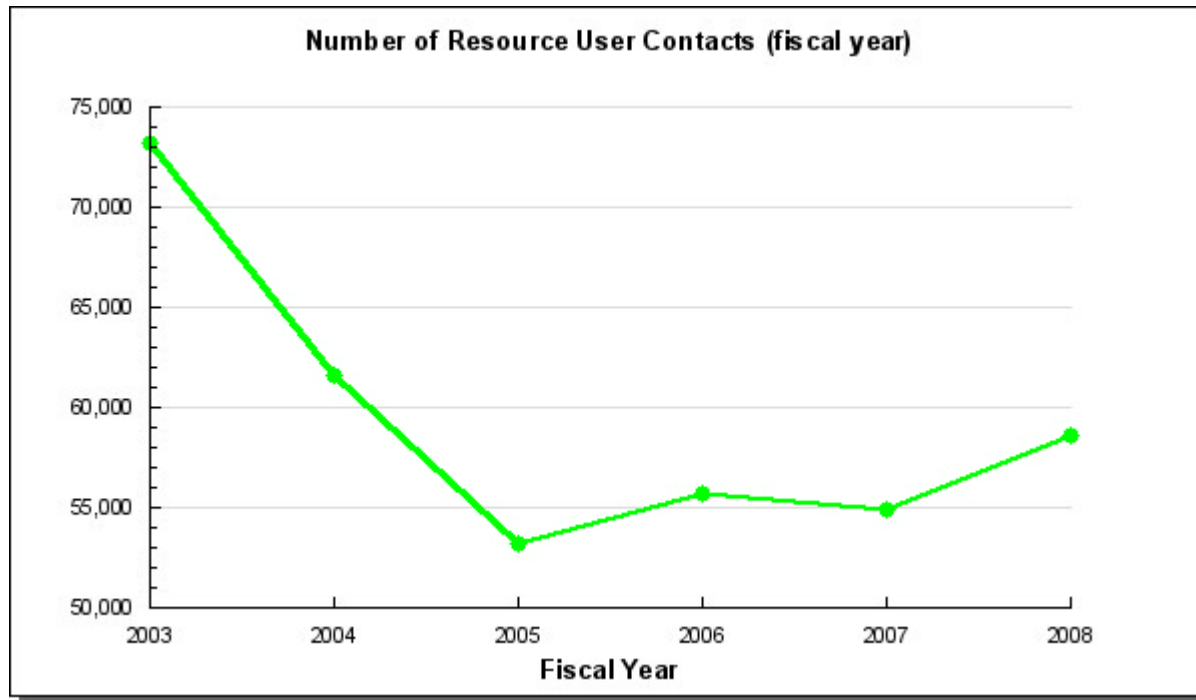
Fiscal Year	Number of Violations	Number of Contacts	% Violations/Contacts	Inc/Dec Prior/Current FY
FY 2008	4,995	58,584	8.5%	-2.6%
FY 2007	6,083	54,912	11.1%	-0.4%
FY 2006	6,412	55,673	11.5%	+1.2%
FY 2005	5,457	53,205	10.3%	+0.7%
FY 2004	5,933	61,554	9.6%	+1.4%
FY 2003	5,988	73,222	8.2%	

**Analysis of results and challenges:** The Alaska Wildlife Troopers increased the number of resource users contacted with an emphasis on being a visible deterrent in the field. While contact numbers increased, the number of violations written decreased. Part of the decline may be a result of increased presence, but the division also has a young workforce that is not as experienced in detections and apprehensions of violators. The wildlife troopers also averaged eight vacancies through the year.

**D1: Strategy - Enhance proactive wildlife patrols and investigations through increased field presence.**

**Target #1:** 5% increase in number of resource users checked in field over the previous 2-year average

**Status #1:** Number of resource user contacts increased by 6% in FY2008 compared to previous 2-year average



**Number of Resource User Contacts (fiscal year)**

Fiscal Year	Yearly User Contacts	Prev 2-Yr Avg Contacts	Percent Inc/Dec
FY 2008	58,584	55,293	+6%
FY 2007	54,912	54,469	+1%
FY 2006	55,673	57,380	-3%
FY 2005	53,205	67,388	-21%
FY 2004	61,554		
FY 2003	73,222		

**Analysis of results and challenges:** The Alaska Wildlife Troopers increased the number of resource users contacted with an emphasis on being a visible deterrent in the field. While contact numbers increased, the number of violations written decreased. Part of the decline may be a result of increased presence, but the division also has a young workforce that is not as experienced in detections and apprehensions of violators. The wildlife troopers also averaged eight vacancies through the year.

## Key RDU Challenges

**CORE POLICE SERVICES** - As Alaska's population continues to grow, requests for services have increased. Alcohol and drug involvement in crime remains a significant challenge. Technological changes and sophistication allow new criminal exploitations of the populace, including identity theft, child pornography and online child sexual exploitation, and computer fraud schemes. Terroristic threats to infrastructure require greater patrols, more response planning, and more efforts aimed toward public reassurance. Proactive enforcement such as highway traffic patrols, burglary suppression, and community policing have been forced to a lower priority and are seldom accomplished. AST's technology base lags far behind other police and public service organizations in all these areas.

**RECRUITMENT** – Recruitment and retention continue to be significant challenges for the Alaska State Troopers and

law enforcement agencies nation-wide. Although the recruitment unit has been successful attracting applicants, attracting *quality* applicants is especially challenging when competing with other agencies in and out of Alaska. The requirement that troopers be willing to transfer to rural locations where housing and amenities are limited creates recruiting challenges not faced by any other police agencies in the state. The starting wage for trooper recruits is significantly less than for a new Anchorage Police Department officer.

**WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT COVERAGE** – The Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) conduct enforcement operations in the most challenging geographic expanse in the country. It is a significant challenge under the best of conditions to successfully protect the state's fish and wildlife resources. AWT continues to operate at a minimally acceptable enforcement level. Many areas of the state are not patrolled or are only occasionally patrolled. Only with the support of the marine enforcement section and its fleet of sixteen vessels ranging from 25' to 156', and the aircraft section with its compliment of patrol aircraft, can the AWT core mission be effectively administered. Having the skilled personnel and providing the proper training to conduct these unique patrols is increasingly more challenging.

**COURT SECURITY** – While the number of court services officers (CSOs) located around the state has been increased in recent years, the number is still marginally adequate to properly handle increased court security concerns, move prisoners, and serve domestic violence protective orders, stalking, and other court writs in a timely manner. The number of prisoner moves is steadily increasing each year. Over the last three fiscal years alone, the number of prisoner moves has increased approximately 4 percent in FY2004, 7.2 percent in FY2005, 6.9 percent in FY2006 and 4 percent in FY2007.

**RAPE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** – Alaska's rates of forcible rape is 2.5 times the national average. Rates of domestic violence are among the highest in the nation. The rates of victimization of Alaska Native women, particularly in rural Alaska, are even greater.

**TERRORISM AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION** – The Alaska State Troopers continue to staff and supervise the statewide Criminal Intelligence Unit located at the Anchorage Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) office. Additionally, AST remains actively involved in contingency planning and preparedness issues in concert with other government agencies, as well as with private industry. AST has devoted a position to serve as the department's liaison with the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. There are no Alaska State Trooper posts along almost 400 miles of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline (from Prudhoe Bay to Fairbanks). There is a one-trooper Alaska Wildlife Trooper post in Coldfoot.

## **Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010**

Significant resources are being focused on investigation of major criminal activity, investigation of illegal drug and alcohol activity, and better addressing the needs of rural communities and their surrounding areas throughout Alaska.

### Alaska Wildlife Troopers:

The Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers is targeting an increase in educational and public awareness training. This includes targeting a ten percent increase in the number of boating safety educational appearances, as well as a ten percent increase in hunting safety and other educational appearances as a whole.

The division has several troopers with little or no experience in wildlife enforcement. AWT intends to conduct additional training of its state troopers. AWT will continue to train its young workforce through specialized training in many of the nuances of the work and through field training by experienced troopers.

AWT troopers will be participating in at least two large-scale enforcement programs throughout the state during FY2010. The division's enforcement efforts benefit by pooling resources from around the state into specific regions to enhance patrol efforts and gain better compliance. This not only allows the division to contact more resource users in the targeted area, leading to the detection of most violations; it also provides the ability to pair junior troopers with those with more field experience.

### Alaska State Troopers:

During FY2010, AST anticipates largely similar service delivery, compared to FY2009. AST is continuing to aggressively pursue technologies that will enable it to conduct its duties more efficiently. The division is also expanding a program that will increase the number of mobile data computers in patrol vehicles. This effort, coupled with implementation of an electronic records management system acquired in FY2009, will facilitate the rapid transmittal of police reports, traffic citations, and similar documents to district attorneys, the court system, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Ultimately, these combined programs will reduce the amount of "double entry" currently taking place as troopers, AST clerical personnel, the courts, district attorneys' offices, and DMV each key the records into their own systems. These upgrades will take substantial staff time to develop policies and rules of use. They will also require extensive training efforts during the implementation stages.

During FY2009, the department received a \$1.4 million COPS federal grant for methamphetamine initiative. This three-year grant will allow the department to enhance the intelligence sharing regarding methamphetamine trends, enhance overall awareness of the meth problem by providing education materials to first responders, enhance the overall effectiveness of the state's clandestine laboratory eradication efforts by increasing the number of lab certified investigators, continuing education of law enforcement investigators, and enhance overall effectiveness of meth investigations through overtime.

The Alaska State Troopers will see its support of volunteer organizations increase in FY2010. With the passage of HB320, relating to search and rescue training and search and rescue parties, the Department of Public Safety is soliciting for a qualified individual to assist in the performance of the duties detailed in that legislation. This individual will assist in providing for increased training of Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, and volunteer search and rescue organizations across the state. Further they will provide for search and rescue groups to participate in training by facilitating and coordinating with the volunteer organizations in the planning of training events.

## **Major RDU Accomplishments in 2008**

Public Safety Services – In FY2008, the Alaska State Troopers (AST) and Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) accomplished the following:

- Handled more than 119,217 offenses in AST jurisdiction.
- Responded to more than 4,231 motor vehicle collisions.
- Performed over 67,750 transports of prisoners.
- Responded to 740 search and rescue efforts.
- Investigated over 4,583 drug and alcohol importation related crimes.
- Solved 100 percent of the homicides that occurred within AST jurisdiction.
- Served or closed over 8,664 warrants.
- Served or closed over 27,732 writs.
- Performed 1,450 hours of boating safety enforcement, contacting nearly 8,700 boaters, and issuing 453 warnings and 176 citations.

Major Investigative Cases – AST investigated 13 murders that occurred within AST jurisdiction during FY2008 solving all 13 for a 100 percent clearance rate. In addition, the unit added 2,804 missing person notices to the statutorily required Missing Persons Clearinghouse used to assist law enforcement when unidentified human remains are found.

Illegal Drug and Alcohol Enforcement – The Illegal Drug and Alcohol Enforcement federal grant positions greatly enhanced the readiness of the department's overall methamphetamine eradication efforts. In addition, overtime funds in the grant allowed investigators to actively pursue leads related to drug and illegal alcohol activities, which has helped to increase investigative seizures. Troopers continue to take the lead role in the coordinated effort to investigate and enforce laws concerning drug and alcohol crimes. Interdiction efforts to stem the flow of alcohol to western Alaska have met with continued success. The Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement (ABADE) with the U.S. Postal Service did cross-deputize ABADE investigators as postal inspectors in FY2007. ABADE continues to have an investigator assigned with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to assist with the "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) federal initiative. This position is responsible for reviewing cases involving

federal firearm violations to increase the number of quality cases submitted to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution. In FY2008, over 30 cases were referred.

The Bristol Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery, the largest commercial salmon fishery in the world, had at its peak, 1,380 registered commercial fishing boats, 1,628 drift gillnet permits, and over 900 registered commercial set net sites operating in various districts within Bristol Bay. Sixteen troopers and 17 civilian personnel participated during enforcement activities from June 19 through July 10, 2008 in various areas surrounding Bristol Bay. The *P/V Stimson* and *P/V Woldstad* participated supporting four patrol skiffs, as well as serving as a base of operations for enforcement and search and rescue operations throughout Bristol Bay. Four fixed wing aircraft and one helicopter were used to provide air support for enforcement and search and rescue operations. Additionally, from June 19 to June 21, AWT conducted joint operations with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) in support of fishing vessel boating safety enforcement with AWT providing at sea logistics support to United States Coast Guard (USCG) boarding teams.

Domestic Violence Investigation Training – With the use of grant funds from the Office on Violence against Women (OVW), AST has provided domestic violence and sex crimes investigation training to troopers, municipal law enforcement officers, VPSOs and VPOs, as well as medical providers, victim advocates, and prosecutors. This training consists of in-service training, academy level training, and advanced or specialized training. Examples of topics covered at advanced level training included elder abuse, lethality and risk assessments, anonymous reporting in sexual assault cases, co-occurrence of domestic violence and sexual assault, teens and sexual violence, and Internet crimes against children. AST continues their commitment to bringing training and equipment to rural Alaska, municipal police departments, and to the division's detachments. Examples of this include AST co-sponsored Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) training courses in Fairbanks and Anchorage. AST purchased equipment for C detachment troopers to enhance crime scene documentation. In addition, AST in coordination with the crime lab, provided training on the equipment purchased and crime scene processing and documentation. AST continued their on-going collaborative research project with the University of Alaska, Anchorage's Justice Center. The project is a trend analysis of AST's domestic violence sex crime and stalking investigations. The report on sexual assault and sexual abuse of minor cases (2003-2004) was published in FY2008. AST and UAA will present the findings of the study at the National Institute of Justice Conference.

Rural Enforcement – State troopers provided the following contacts and support for rural enforcement officers: 2,340 Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) visits and 970 hours of training.

State Trooper / Aircraft Pilot Training Program – This program continues to be an unqualified success. Funding was first appropriated in FY2006 to expand the Department of Public Safety's aircraft operator training program to aid in recruitment and retention efforts. The original concept was to fill the department's critical need for trooper pilots to provide the most efficient and effective response to criminal activity and search and rescue in Alaska's rural areas. The primary focus continues to be on selecting seasoned troopers who have no flight experience for attendance at ground school and flight training and to ultimately qualify as state pilots. This program also targets troopers that may have some flight skills and experience, but need additional training and flight time to become proficient in flying state aircraft.

Recruitment – Migration to Workplace Alaska was completed and has helped streamline the recruitment process. Unsuitable applicants are screened out of the process reducing the hours spent by the staff determining eligibility. Workplace Alaska provides an integrated reporting system that helps the staff determine where applicants learn about the postings, where they fall out of the process, and Workplace Alaska has served as an additional recruitment tool. The recruitment unit has effectively spent funds for advertising and the unit's "hands on recruitment approach" with potential applicants resulted in 29 recruits reporting to the Academy in Sitka for the spring and fall 2008 sessions. The recruitment unit has been extremely active with job fairs, advertising, follow-up with potential applicants, and keeping the recruitment website current and active. During FY2009, the AST will implement some recruitment initiatives that will engage all levels of commissioned troopers to be actively involved in one-on-one recruitment efforts. This will include giving recruitment presentations to an expanded number of venues, including increased recruitment with the military, rural Alaska, and colleges and universities.

Special Events – During the past year, all detachments have conducted several special patrol activities. Those activities include: construction zone patrols for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; Knik River Public Use Area patrol for the Department of Natural Resources; Big Lake boat patrols with the U.S. Coast Guard; an extensive seatbelt enforcement program; increased patrols for the Talkeetna and Anderson Bluegrass Festivals, the Arctic Man snow machine races near Paxson, Seward's Mt. Marathon foot race, Girdwood's Forest Fair, and the



Alaska State Fair; high school graduation parties in the major cities; traffic enforcement while fire fighters worked on the forest fires along the Alaska Highway; and a multi-agency spring bear hunting enforcement program throughout southeast Alaska.

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# Alaska State Troopers RDU Financial Summary by Component

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2008 Actuals				FY2009 Management Plan				FY2010 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>Formula Expenditures</b> None.												
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Special Projects	82.5	2,079.7	1,665.1	3,827.3	1,301.4	2,681.8	2,053.8	6,037.0	1,433.6	2,609.1	2,048.8	6,091.5
AK ST Troopers	249.8	0.0	0.0	249.8	307.6	0.0	0.0	307.6	330.7	0.0	0.0	330.7
Director's Office												
AK Bureau of Judicial Svcs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,364.0	0.0	53.2	7,417.2	8,258.0	0.0	54.4	8,312.4
Judicial Services-Anchorage	6,427.4	0.0	51.9	6,479.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prisoner Transportation	2,207.6	0.0	82.9	2,290.5	1,884.2	0.0	45.0	1,929.2	1,884.2	0.0	70.0	1,954.2
Search and Rescue	299.4	0.0	0.0	299.4	390.9	0.0	0.0	390.9	387.9	0.0	0.0	387.9
Rural Trooper Housing	1,394.1	0.0	741.0	2,135.1	1,341.1	0.0	930.2	2,271.3	1,706.6	0.0	943.5	2,650.1
Narcotics Task Force	1,490.4	1,456.1	0.0	2,946.5	2,161.3	3,038.4	0.0	5,199.7	2,205.3	3,038.4	0.0	5,243.7
AST Detachments	44,949.0	0.0	728.0	45,677.0	46,628.2	0.0	636.8	47,265.0	47,561.1	0.0	547.1	48,108.2
Alaska Bureau of Investigation	4,689.0	0.0	0.0	4,689.0	5,317.2	0.0	0.0	5,317.2	5,406.5	0.0	0.0	5,406.5
AK Bureau of Alcohol and Drug	2,631.4	0.0	0.0	2,631.4	2,636.8	0.0	0.0	2,636.8	2,653.7	0.0	0.0	2,653.7
Alaska Wildlife Troopers	14,562.2	0.0	1,051.6	15,613.8	15,957.9	0.0	1,735.8	17,693.7	16,155.7	0.0	1,617.1	17,772.8
AK W-life Troopers	4,298.1	0.0	360.3	4,658.4	4,375.6	0.0	827.6	5,203.2	4,308.1	0.0	827.6	5,135.7
Aircraft Sect												
AK W-life	3,001.7	0.0	0.0	3,001.7	2,830.2	0.0	41.5	2,871.7	2,836.6	0.0	41.5	2,878.1

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	<b>FY2008 Actuals</b>				<b>FY2009 Management Plan</b>				<b>FY2010 Governor</b>			
	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Troopers Marine Enforc	308.7	0.0	0.0	308.7	350.9	0.0	0.0	350.9	358.6	0.0	0.0	358.6
AK W-life Troopers Director's Of	626.5	0.0	0.0	626.5	1,016.7	0.0	0.0	1,016.7	1,038.2	0.0	0.0	1,038.2
AK Wildlife Troopers Investigati												
<b>Totals</b>	<b>87,217.8</b>	<b>3,535.8</b>	<b>4,680.8</b>	<b>95,434.4</b>	<b>93,864.0</b>	<b>5,720.2</b>	<b>6,323.9</b>	<b>105,908.1</b>	<b>96,524.8</b>	<b>5,647.5</b>	<b>6,150.0</b>	<b>108,322.3</b>

**Alaska State Troopers**  
**Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component**  
**From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2009 Management Plan</b>	<b>93,864.0</b>	<b>5,720.2</b>	<b>6,323.9</b>	<b>105,908.1</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Special Projects	5.7	23.3	41.7	70.7
-AK ST Troopers Director's Office	23.1	0.0	0.0	23.1
-AK Bureau of Judicial Svcs	149.7	0.0	1.2	150.9
-Prisoner Transportation	0.0	0.0	25.0	25.0
-Search and Rescue	-3.0	0.0	0.0	-3.0
-Rural Trooper Housing	-61.8	0.0	0.0	-61.8
-Narcotics Task Force	44.0	0.0	0.0	44.0
-AST Detachments	304.8	0.0	0.0	304.8
-Alaska Bureau of Investigation	89.3	0.0	0.0	89.3
-AK Bureau of Alcohol and Drug	16.9	0.0	0.0	16.9
-Alaska Wildlife Troopers	103.8	0.0	-118.7	-14.9
-AK W-life Troopers Aircraft Sect	-67.5	0.0	0.0	-67.5
-AK W-life Troopers Marine Enforc	6.4	0.0	0.0	6.4
-AK W-life Troopers Director's Of	7.7	0.0	0.0	7.7
-AK Wildlife Troopers Investigati	21.5	0.0	0.0	21.5
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>				
-Special Projects	0.0	-96.0	-46.7	-142.7
-AST Detachments	0.0	0.0	-89.7	-89.7
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Special Projects	126.5	0.0	0.0	126.5
-AK Bureau of Judicial Svcs	744.3	0.0	0.0	744.3
-Rural Trooper Housing	427.3	0.0	13.3	440.6
-AST Detachments	628.1	0.0	0.0	628.1
-Alaska Wildlife Troopers	94.0	0.0	0.0	94.0
<b>FY2010 Governor</b>	<b>96,524.8</b>	<b>5,647.5</b>	<b>6,150.0</b>	<b>108,322.3</b>